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INTRODUCTION

These are the papers of John Samuel Claybrooke (1808-1892) and John Overton (1766-1833). John S. Claybrooke, teacher, planter, and President of the Board of Directors of the Nashville and Decatur Railroad (later the Louisville and Nashville Railroad), was executor of the estate of his uncle, John Overton, lawyer planter, Supervisor of the Federal Excise in the Southwest Territory (1790-), Tennessee Supreme Court Justice (1811-1816), and an authority on land legislation. More than half of these papers are Overton's. The Claybrooke Collection was donated to the Tennessee Historical Society by Misses Annie and Virginia Claybrooke, Nashville, Tennessee, daughters of John Samuel and Mary A. (Perkins) Claybrooke.

The materials in this collection measure 9.66 linear feet. There are no restrictions on the materials.

Single photocopies of unpublished writings in the Claybrooke and Overton Papers may be made for purposes of scholarly research, but large scale reproduction is restricted.

SCOPE AND CONTENT

This collection is composed of approximately 6,500 items for the dates 1747-1894. Of this number, about 4,000 items are Overton papers and about 2,500 items are Claybrooke papers. They contain accounts (bills, notes, receipts); correspondence (family and general); land records (grants, maps, surveys, agreements, deeds, indentures, etc.); Memphis land records (acts, agreements, court cases, grants, maps, naval depot lands, etc.); miscellaneous legal documents (boundary line papers, slave deeds, powers-of-attorney, court cases,); estate papers (wills, inventories, etc.); journals; legal notebooks; dockets; genealogical data; biographical data; memoranda; memorabilia; petitions; roads and turnpike records; school records; speeches; and writings.

John Samuel Claybrooke, as executor for the estate of his uncle, John Overton, retained the Overton papers and they have become part of the Claybrooke Collection. For this reason the collection has been separated into Claybrooke papers and Overton papers. The largest portion are Overton papers with some overlapping of the two groups. There are a number of court case briefs, especially dealing with land disputes. Overton was a lawyer and later a judge. He was the recognized authority in Tennessee on all maters relating to land legislation in the early years of the nineteenth century. It was the period of land grants, land warrants, purchases, exchanges, and speculations in which Overton played a major role. At the time of his death, Claybrooke estimated the value of Overton's estate at \$300,000, which was largely in land. The papers contain many deeds, indentures, surveys, and land grants. There are some records of the Cypress Land Company, an Alabama Company in which a number of Tennesseans had an interest. Andrew Jackson, John Overton and James Winchester purchased the John Rice grant on which Memphis was founded. Many court cases deal with the Memphis lands. Numerous controversies arose over the ferry rights, ferry landings, ferry boats, etc., the location of a Naval Depot, Mud Island, and other cases.

The collection contains biographical data about Frederick Claybrooke, John S. Claybrooke, John Overton, Thomas Overton, Samuel Perkins, Charles Sevier, and Valentine Sevier. The genealogical data is for the families of Carr, Claybrooke, Cosby, Fearn, Harris, Nelson, Overton, Perkins, and Wallace. In addition to the estate papers of John Overton, there are estate papers for William Claybrooke, George M. Deaderick, Samuel DeLoach, John H. Eaton, Joseph Hodgson, Thomas Molloy, Edward Nelson, Samuel Perkins, and Marcus B. Winchester. Wills and inventories are for James O. Claybrooke, John Claybrooke (Louisa County, Virginia), Thomas W. Claybrooke, John Donelson, Solomon Kitts, James Overton, James W. Perkins, John Rice, James Symes, Shadrack Watts, and James White.

There are twelve boxes of correspondence, which is, perhaps, the most important, as well as the largest portion of the collection. Most of the Overton correspondence deals with land transactions, including such subjects as land purchases and sales, Chickasaw and Cherokee lands, North Carolina's land cessions, Tennessee land titles, land office frauds and speculations, and Memphis lands. Copies of ninety-five of Overton's outgoing letters, not including letters to his family, are in the collection. They contain in addition to

land data, information on United States revenues which he collected while Federal excise supervisor in the Southwest Territory; resignation as judge of the Tennessee Supreme Court, giving reasons; the Blount case; resignation of Jackson's Cabinet; replacement of Attorney General; purchase of slaves; wood for steamboats; macadamized road between Nashville and Franklin; and other subjects of lesser importance.

Aside from the land dealings, some of the most important subjects discussed in letters to Overton are the presidential elections, especially Jackson's; Burr conspiracy; Eaton affair; cotton and tobacco prices; federal judgeship; tariff; removal of Virginia Capitol from Williamsburg to Richmond; military affairs; farming and fruit trees; schools; national and state politics; Chickasaw and Cherokee Indian affairs, including wars and treaties; cholera; Louisiana national politics; Nashville; Pensacola; New Orleans; Memphis newspaper; Minerva; North Carolina newspaper; Baptist meeting; France; England; and items about John Quincy Adams, Robert Armstrong, James Blackman, Aaron Burr, John C. Calhoun, John Chisolm, Henry Clay, Levi Colbert, William H. Crawford, David Crockett, Ralph E.W. Earl, John H. Eaton, Joseph Gales, William Hall, David Henley, Samuel Houston, Andrew Jackson, Rachel Jackson, William Lawrence, John C. McLemore, John Rhea, John Seagroves, John Sevier, John W. Tipton, William Tyrell, Martin Van Buren, James Vaulx, Daniel Webster, Hugh Lawson White, and James Winchester. Overton's most important correspondents were Richard H. Barry, W.T. Barry, James W. Breedlove, John T. Bryan, David Bullock, A.B. Carr, John Charlton, John Coffee, Andrew J. Donelson, Ralph E.W. Earl, R.J. Easter, John H. Eaton, Thomas Emmerson, Albert Gallatin, George T. Gillespie, Daniel Graham, E.S. Hall, Thomas Hardeman, John Haywood, Arthur H. Henley, David Henley, Samuel Houston, Robert C. Hynson, Andrew Jackson, William Lawrence, Luke Lea, William R. Lewis, Alex McCullouch, Hugh McGavock, Jacob McGavock, John C. McLemore, Pleasant M. Miller, Henry Minor, Archibald Overton, J.H. Overton, J.W. Overton, James Overton, Samuel R. Overton, Thomas Overton, Nathaniel Ragland, John Rhea, S.D. Rowan, George W. Sevier, James Sevier, John Sevier, Isaac Shelby, John Sommerville, William Stoddert, Thomas Stuart, John Thompson, George Walker, Thomas Watkins, J.Wharton, Hugh Lawson White, Jenkins Whiteside, John Williams, Robert Williams, Sampson Williams, Thomas L. Williams, James Winchester, Marcus B. Winchester, Richard Winn, Robert Woods, and John S. Yerger.

There are thirty-six letters of Andrew Jackson in this collection, twenty-seven of which are originals and nine are copies. Six of the letters are in Bassett and all except four were written to John Overton. With the exception of one letter in the collection, there are no other letters of Overton to Jackson. He is reputed to have burned copies of his letters to Jackson. The letters of Jackson in the collection are concerned with the Rice grant, land frauds, politics, Indians, treaties, information about the British (1814), judgeship, caucus (1824), Lafayette, electoral vote, Adams, Dickinson duel, Eaton, Van Buren, Seminole War, Sarah Yorke, Polk's Cabinet, James Buchanan, Samuel Laughlin, Henry Clay, and others.

Copies of seventy-five of John S. Claybrooke's outgoing letters for the dates 1833-1878 and 107 original letters written to members of his family during the period 1829-

1885 are in the collection. The most important of the non-family letters were written to John Bell, General Fisk, Andrew Johnson, R.J. Meigs, John Overton, and Marcus B. Winchester. They contain information on Memphis lands and improvements; Hopefield Land Company; Memphis mud bar case; Memphis ferry; railroads, especially the Nashville and Decatur Railroad; the value of a national railroad in cementing the nation; railroad construction; purchase of rails in England; tariff problems; railroad damages during the Civil War; requests for compensation for war damages; business of John Overton's estate; Freedman's Bureau; Maury County; Williamson County; the Grange; teachers; schools; and other subjects of lesser importance. These letters are especially valuable to those interested in Memphis history and railroads. Claybrooke was President of the Board of Directors of the Nashville and Decatur Railroad which later became the Louisville and Nashville Railroad.

The 107 letters written to various members of the family by John S. Claybrooke contain information on a number of important subjects. He came to Tennessee from Virginia in 1828 and stayed for a while with his uncle, John Overton, until he obtained a teaching position at Hardeman Academy in Williamson County. He was a classical scholar and the letters to members of his family are full of his educational ideas, advice about schools and studying habits in letters to his nephews, William Allison and James M. Hart, and his reports of success as a teacher at Hardeman Academy. Other subjects discussed in his letters to the family include his reasons for coming to Tennessee; homesickness for Virginia; descriptions of the Western District of Tennessee, particularly Haywood County, where he purchased a farm which his brother, Thomas, ran for a number of years; crops; farming before the Civil War; tenant farming after the War; temperance societies; land business of John Overton; Negroes; meeting with the Mexican Minister who gave information about Santa Anna in Texas; opposition to secession; Memphis property; Hopefield Land Company; railroads; efforts to get railroad cars in Virginia in 1861; bad railroad schedules; wounded soldiers on trains; Battle of Fishing Creek; conditions after the Civil War (letters to son, Samuel); items about Felix Grundy; Bishop James Otey; and some others. These letters contain much of interest to students of Williamson County history in addition to the variety of other subjects.

The incoming family letters from his nephews, William Allison and James M. Hart, contain information about Virginia schools and Harvard and Yale Universities. James Hart wrote about female education and female schools in Virginia. Thomas Claybrooke's letters are valuable for data about Haywood County, frontier living, farming, descriptions of the country and culture of the Western District of Tennessee, Democrats and Whigs, tenant farming, Tennessee and national politics. The letters of Frederick Claybrooke, son of John S. Claybrooke, who was killed in the Civil War, are concerned with his schooling at a Virginia preparatory school and the University of Nashville, farming, and his Civil War experiences. The war letters written from various places in Tennessee and Kentucky are full of the hardships endured by the soldiers due to typhoid fever and measles prevalent in the army. He was in Captain Rucker's Company under Zollicoffer's command.

Claybrooke's incoming general correspondence is composed of approximately 1,000 items and contains information on lands; railroads; Memphis; state and national politics; Hopefield Land Company; Fayetteville Academy; Franklin College; Hardeman Academy; Irving College; Porter Female Academy; University of Nashville; Western Military Academy; tariff; Republican Party; Cumberland River navigation; narrow gauge railroads; impressments by the Federal Army; roads and turnpikes. The chief correspondents include A. Anderson, Richard H. Barry, John Bostick, John Childe, Stapleton Coates, John Coltart, Willie J. Eppes, Tolbert Fanning, T.J. Foster, William Gilchrist, Frank Hardeman, Thomas Hardeman, Isham G. Harris, C.W. Lampson, L.D. McKisick, John C. McLemore, W.W. McLemore, James F. May, Pleasant M. Miller, John Overton, Jr., John S. Russwurm, James M. Stafford, Eli Smith, Henry G. Smith, Sidney Smith, William D. Taylor, William Terrell, Thomas A. Thacher, William Thomas, William Vance, James Vaughn, B.B. Waddell, S. Wheatley, Stephen White, Gen. W. Williams, C.H. Williams, Willoughby Williams, James M. Williamson, and Marcus B. Winchester.

The remainder of this collection is composed of Overton's accounts, including some for the building of Traveler's Rest and some bills of sale for slaves and horses; items about the boundary lines between Kentucky and Tennessee (1801-1802) and between Virginia, North Carolina, and Tennessee (1778-1820); docket book, notes, and briefs for a number of John Overton's court cases; some military papers, including muster rolls (1815); addresses of John S. Claybrooke to the Williamson County Grange, Stockholders of the Nashville and Decatur Railroad, and a political speech; an address of Andrew Jackson to his soldiers (1814); some data about pedigreed animals; recipes; some turnpike records for the Farmington and Fayetteville, Nashville and Hillsboro, and the Nolensville roads; railroad records; including acts, resolutions, bonds, building, reports, information about the Nashville and Chattanooga (1848), Nashville and Decatur (1863-1866), Tennessee and Alabama (1853-1866), and the Tennessee Central (1848) railroads; school data about Hardeman Academy and Western Military Academy including some receipts for tuition (1826-1832); and some writings of John S. Claybrooke.

BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE

John Samuel Claybrooke

1808	Born – March 28 in Louisa County, Virginia, son of John and Sarah (Overton) Claybrooke
1815-1828	Educated in Virginia
1820	Moved to Tennessee and made his home with Judge John Overton, his uncle
1829-1840	Taught school at Hardeman Academy near Triune, Williamson County, Tennessee
1834	Married – April 24 Mary A. Perkins
1836	Settled in Williamson County, Tennessee; owned land in Haywood County, Tennessee, and several tracts in West Tennessee
1852-1868	President of the Nashville and Decatur Railroad (now CSX)
1892	Died – October 20 near Triune, Tennessee, at his home "Brookland"

BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE

John Overton

1766	Born – April 9 in Louisa County, Virginia, son of James and Mary Waller Overton
	Taught school for several years
1787	Emigrated to Kentucky to study law
1789	Moved to Nashville to practice law where he met and became a close friend of Andrew Jackson
1790	Became supervisor of Federal excise in Southwest Territory
1794	Became a land speculator and with Jackson purchased the Rice tract upon which the town of Memphis was founded
1804-1810	Succeeded Jackson upon the bench of the Superior Court of Tennessee

1811-1816	Appointed a member of the Supreme Court of the State to succeed George Campbell
1813-1817	Published two volumes of <i>Tennessee Reports</i> which cover cases tried before the Court from 1791 to 1816
1794-1817	Became recognized authority on all matters relating to land legislation
1821	Joined with William B. Lewis and John H. Eaton to form an informal committee of close personal friends for the advancement of Jackson's candidacy for the presidency
	Married Mary McConnell (White) May, daughter of General James White and sister of Hugh Lawson White
1833	Died – April 17 in Nashville, Tennessee

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- 9. Correspondence Overton, John (Judge) Outgoing, undated
- 10. Correspondence Overton, John (Judge) Outgoing, 1794-1800
- 11. Correspondence Overton, John (Judge) Outgoing, 1801-1805
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- 13. Correspondence Overton, John (Judge) Outgoing, 1812-1820
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- 1. Correspondence Overton, John Incoming author unknown
- 2. Correspondence Overton, John Incoming Alexander Atwood
- 3. Correspondence Overton, John Incoming Baker Barrow
- 4. Correspondence Overton, John Incoming Barry, Richard H. and Val T.
- 5. Correspondence Overton, John Incoming Barry, W.T.
- 6. Correspondence Overton, John Incoming Bass Bedford
- 7. Correspondence Overton, John Incoming Bell Bradfird
- 8. Correspondence Overton, John Incoming Breedlove Butler
- 9. Correspondence Overton, John Incoming Cage Childress
- 10. Correspondence Overton, John Incoming Claybrooke, James, John O., and John S.
- 11. Correspondence Overton, John Incoming Clements Crutcher
- 12. Correspondence Overton, John Incoming Dabney Day
- 13. Correspondence Overton, John Incoming Deaderick Dicks
- 14. Correspondence Overton, John Incoming Donelson Dyer

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- 1. Correspondence Overton, John Incoming Eadley Easter
- 2. Correspondence Overton, John Incoming Eaton, John H. and John R.
- 3. Correspondence Overton, John Incoming Eddins Elliott
- 4. Correspondence Overton, John Incoming Emmerson, Thomas
- 5. Correspondence Overton, John Incoming Ewing, William
- 6. Correspondence Overton, John Incoming Fearn Fulton
- 7. Correspondence Overton, John Incoming Gaines Gordon
- 8. Correspondence Overton, John Incoming Graham Grundy
- 9. Correspondence Overton, John Incoming Hall Hays
- 10. Correspondence Overton, John Incoming Haywood, John
- 11. Correspondence Overton, John Incoming Henderson Hyson
- 12. Correspondence Overton, John Incoming Isaacks Johnson

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- 1. Correspondence Overton, John Incoming Jackson, Andrew June 9, 1795, re: land transaction with Allison, B-I-p.13
- 2. Correspondence Overton, John Incoming Jackson, Andrew June 18, 1795, re: Rice Grant Memphis
- 3. Correspondence Overton, John Incoming –Jackson, Andrew January 22, 1798 (part missing), re: land frauds, politics, B-I-p. 42
- 4. Correspondence Overton, John Incoming Jackson, Andrew June 9, 1798, re: debt
- 4. Correspondence Overton, John Incoming Jackson, Andrew June 9, 1798, re: debt

- 5. Correspondence Overton, John Incoming Jackson, Andrew November 30, 1799, re: sale of Negro
- 6. Correspondence Overton, John Incoming Jackson, Andrew August 10, 1814, re: tampering with the Indians; British force on coast; treaty ceding land
- 7. Correspondence Overton, John Incoming Jackson, Andrew October 24, 1823, reloan
- 8. Correspondence Overton, John Incoming Jackson, Andrew November 4, 1823, re: Thomas Chambers good farmer
- 9. Correspondence Overton, John Incoming Jackson, Andrew November 8, 1823, re: Overton's nephew and health of himself and Mrs. Jackson
- 10. Correspondence Overton, John Incoming Jackson, Andrew November 8, 1823, re: Overton's nephew and health of himself and Mrs. Jackson
- 11. Correspondence Overton, John Incoming Jackson, Andrew December 21, 1823, re: Capt. Easter and caucus
- 12. Correspondence Overton, John Incoming Jackson, Andrew March 23, 1824, re: caucus (copy)
- 13. Correspondence Overton, John Incoming Jackson, Andrew November 6, 1824, re: reluctance to leave home and newspapers
- 14. Correspondence Overton, John Incoming Jackson, Andrew December 9, 1824, re: Lafayette and electoral vote
- 15. Correspondence Overton, John Incoming Jackson, Andrew December 19, 1824, re: Electoral vote and people's will, Jackson's wishes (copy)
- 16. Correspondence Overton, John Incoming Jackson, Andrew January 10, 1825, re: vote of the people and Jackson's desires (copy)
- 17. Correspondence Overton, John Incoming Jackson, Andrew February 10, 1825, re: election of Adams (copy)
- 18. Correspondence Overton, John Incoming Jackson, Andrew September 10, 1825, re: setting out for Western District (copy)
- 19. Correspondence Overton, John Incoming Jackson, Andrew September 13, 1825, re: meeting Overton at Hillsborough (copy)
- 20. Correspondence Overton, John Incoming Jackson, Andrew January 22, 1826, re: John Rice's heirs
- 21. Correspondence Overton, John Incoming Jackson, Andrew February 6, 1826, re: farming
- 22. Correspondence Overton, John Incoming Jackson, Andrew February 15, 1826, re: health and visit from Overton
- 23. Correspondence Overton, John Incoming Jackson, Andrew December 7, 1826, re: trip to Alabama and memo from Gen. Coffee
- 24. Correspondence Overton, John Incoming Jackson, Andrew June 16, 1827, re: article in *Impartial Review*, re: duel
- 25. Correspondence Overton, John Incoming Jackson, Andrew September 1827, re: Overton's health (copy)
- 26. Correspondence Overton, John Incoming Jackson, Andrew November 7, 1827, re: invitation to dine and trip to New Orleans with Coffee
- 27. Correspondence Overton, John Incoming Jackson, Andrew September 30, 1830, re: trip, drought, crops in North Carolina and South Carolina, national debt,

- visit from Eaton, B-IV-p.181
- 28. Correspondence Overton, John Incoming Jackson, Andrew January 11, 1831, re: Jackson's message, Van Buren's comments
- 29. Correspondence Overton, John Incoming Jackson, Andrew February 28, 1831, re: politics; Indian question, New York Republicans
- 30. Correspondence Overton, John Incoming Jackson, Andrew September 13, 1831, re: Eaton's reply
- 31. Correspondence Overton, John Incoming Jackson, Andrew September 16, 1831, re: Col. Gadsden's letters on Seminole War; Jackson's conduct, 1818, (copy)
- 32. Correspondence Overton, John Incoming Jackson, Andrew December 5, 1831, re: message to be delivered to House; well pleased with new daughter
- 33. Correspondence Overton, John Incoming Killer Kilpatrick
- 34. Correspondence Overton, John Incoming Lacy Lawrence

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- 35. Correspondence Overton, John Incoming Lea Lytle
- 36. Correspondence Overton, John Incoming –McAlister McIntosh
- 37. Correspondence Overton, John Incoming McLemore, John C. and W.W.

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- 1. Correspondence Overton, John Incoming Maclin Merriwether
- 2. Correspondence Overton, John Incoming Miller Milley
- 3. Correspondence Overton, John Incoming –Minor, Charles and Henry
- 4. Correspondence Overton, John Incoming Morris Mynatt
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- 6. Correspondence Overton, John Incoming Ogg Olmsted
- 7. Correspondence Overton, John Incoming Paine Pugh
- 8. Correspondence Overton, John Incoming Ragland Rush
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- 2. Correspondence Overton, John Incoming Wharton White
- 3. Correspondence Overton, John Incoming White, Hugh Lawson, 1816-1826
- 4. Correspondence Overton, John Incoming White, Hugh Lawson, 1827-1831
- 5. Correspondence Overton, John Incoming White Whesling
- 6. Correspondence Overton, John Incoming Willey Williams, John
- 7. Correspondence Overton, John Incoming Williams, Richard and Robert
- 8. Correspondence Overton, John Incoming Williams, Sampson
- 9. Correspondence Overton, John Incoming Williams, Thomas L. Willis
- 10. Correspondence Overton, John Incoming Winchester, George, James and Lucilius
- 11. Correspondence Overton, John Incoming Winchester, Marcus B., 1819-1830
- 12. Correspondence Overton, John Incoming Winchester, Marcus B., 1831
- 13. Correspondence Overton, John Incoming Winchester, Marcus B., 1832-1833
- 14. Correspondence Overton, John Incoming Winchester & Cage Woodfin

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- 15. Correspondence Overton, John Incoming Wood Wormeley
- 16. Correspondence Overton, John Incoming Yerger Young

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- Correspondence Overton, John Incoming Family Overton, Archibald W., 1797-1826
- 2. Correspondence Overton, John Incoming Family Overton, Elizabeth, 1825
- 3. Correspondence Overton, John Incoming Family Overton, Harriet, 1818
- 4. Correspondence Overton, John Incoming Family Overton, J.H., 1819-1832
- 5. Correspondence Overton, John Incoming Family Overton, J.W., 1819-1832
- 6. Correspondence Overton, John Incoming Family Overton, James, 1800-1808
- 7. Correspondence Overton, John Incoming Family Overton, Jean, 1832 (John Jr.)
- 8. Correspondence Overton, John Incoming Family Overton, John (Judge), 1794-1831
- 9. Correspondence Overton, John Incoming Family Overton, John Jr., 1832-1843
- Correspondence Overton, John Incoming Family Overton, Patrick H., 1824-1827
- 11. Correspondence Overton, John Incoming Family Overton, Richard, 1831
- 12. Correspondence Overton, John Incoming Family Overton, S. (Sister), 1799
- 13. Correspondence Overton, John Incoming Family Overton, Samuel, 1804-1819
- 14. Correspondence Overton, John Incoming Family Overton, Samuel R., 1815-1827
- 15. Correspondence Overton, John Incoming Family Overton, Thomas, 1793-

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- 1. Land Records Cypress Land Company, 1822-1828
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- 5. Land Records Grants, agreements, purchases, etc. Virginia, 1800-1804
- 6. Land Records Lists, etc., 1788-1823
- 7. Maps, Charts, and Surveys John Overton, 1781-1832
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- 9. Legal Documents Deeds and indentures McIver and Sanderson, 1808-1815
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- 11. Legal Documents Deeds and indentures Pennsylvania, 1836
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- 3. Memphis Lands Court cases, depositions, etc., 1829-1871

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- 4. Memphis Lands Ferry case, 1832-1845
- 5. Memphis Lands Grants and purchase of lands
- 6. Memphis Lands Lists and inventories
- 7. Memphis Lands Maps THS in map drawer # 1, of Hopefield (across from Mississippi River from Memphis); Reelfoot Lake
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- 3. Boundary line between Virginia, North Carolina, and Tennessee, 1778-1820

- 4. Docket May 1808
- 5. Journal and notebook, Overton, John, 1795-1814 case notes, land notes, personal notes, etc.
- 6. Legal Documents Court cases Kentucky and Pennsylvania, 1803-1805
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Lofland, Charles, 1844, re: business, 17-17

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McLean, C.D. (2) 1836-1840, re: cutting timber on Overton's lands; business, 17-18

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McLemore, John C[hristmas] (10), 1833-1861, re: Memphis lands; ferry; Robertson Springs; business, 17-18

McLemore, Robert W., 1854, re: conduct of M.W. McLemore, 17-18

McLemore Willoughby W. (6), 1852-1854, re: school at Western Military Academy; Irving College, 17-18

McMahon, J.H., 1856, re: direct trade from Memphis with Europe, 17-18

McMahon, Bolles & Co., 1834, re: Memphis lots, 17-18

Maney, J.D. (2), 1865, re: position with railroad, 17-19

Marbury, P.H., 1866, re: compensation for war damage, 17-19

Marshall, Rob M. (2), 1835-1836, re: horses, 17-19

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Meade, Thomas T., 1839, re: moving to Texas, 17-19

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Mitchell, Robert, 1833, re: lands; business, 17-19

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Morrison, J.M. (2), 1855, re: business, 17-19

Morton, Samuel, 1835, re: education of his children, 17-19

Murfree, W.L., 1845, re: cultivation of soil, 17-19

Nance, William L., 1853, re: business, 17-20

Nelson, Robert C. (3), 1835, re: business, 17-20

Newsom, G.S. (2) 1870, re: business, 17-20

Noell, John R., 1835, re: son's ability to teach Latin, Greek, English, 17-20

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Overton, J[ames] (2), 1833-1860, re: entrance requirements for University of Nashville; Memphis lands, 18-1

Overton, J[ohn] (16), 1841-1860, re: Memphis development; Robertson Topp; Maj. M.B. Winchester, 18-2

Overton, John, Jr., 1871, re: legal business, 18-2

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Parkes, E., 1833, re: recommending Thomas Parkes as officer in railroad company, 18-3

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Penn, James, 1860, re: banks, 18-2

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Perkins, Nancy, 1846, re: trunk key, 18-3

Perkins, Nicholas, 1842, re: court case, 18-3

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Perkins, Campbell & Co. (14), 1853-1854, re: railroads; river transportation; duties, 18-3

Perkins, W.O.N., 1861, re: trestle on South Union Street, 18-3

Person & Marley, 1866, re: lands, 18-3

Pickett, W.S., 1855, re: business, 18-3

Poston, William K., 1845, re: Memphis bank, 18-3

Potter, J.H., 1865, re: railroads, 18-3

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Ready, Charles, 1841, re: land leases, 18-4

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Roulhac, Frank, 1853, re: railroads, 18-4

Rowan, S.D. (3), 1834, re: court case, 18-4

Rowland, D.W.C. (2), 1861-1882, re: loyalty to the South, 18-4

Rucker, Edward, 1865, re: wishes position as General Superintendent of Railroad, 18-4

Russwurm, John S. (4) 1833-1834, re: teachers in Hardeman Academy attend examination at Porter Female Academy, 18-4

Russwurm, John S. (4), 1835, re: money matters, 18-4 (these papers were taken from the Josephine A. Pearson Papers)

Safford, James M., 1882, re: specimens sent by Claybrooke; lignite found at various points in West Tennessee – Fulton, Randolph, and Raleigh, 18-5

Sanford, R.W. (3), 1839-1847, re: lands; collections, 18-5

Sheppard, B.H., 1850, re: business, 18-5

Sheridan, P.H., 1862, re: property destroyed by the Federal Army, 18-5

Sileitter, John L., 1866, re: railroad business, 18-5

Skipwith, Grey (3), 1838-1844, re: business; land, 18-5

Sloss, J[ames] W. (2), 1867-1871, re: railroad business, 18-5

Smith, Alexander, 1833, re: teaching advice; Fayetteville Academy, 18-8

Smith, Eli (19), 1859-1860, re: farming Claybrooke's land in Haywood County, 18-6

Smith, Henry G. (17), 1855-1866, re: Memphis business affairs; ferry; railroads; Winchester's estate, 18-7

Smith, Peyton, 1841, re: land, 18-8

Smith, Sidney (4), 1854-1855, re: railroad legislation; Cypress Land Company, 18-8

Smith, Thomas B., n.d., re: railroad business, 18-8

Steedman, James B., 1863, re: impressments by Federal Army, 18-8

Steele, Robert & Son (2), 1834-1835, re: land, 18-8

Stith, Ferdinand (3), 1833-1843, re: farming, 18-8

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Terrill, William (12) 1833-1836, re: land business, 18-10

Thacher, Thomas A. (3), 1852, re: nephew, William Allison; salaries of classical teachers in New England, 18-11

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Thomas, William (14) 1850-1860, re: Winchester and Memphis lands; Carr estate; business, 18-11

Thompson, E., 1852, re: road from Nashville to New Orleans, 18-12

Thompson, James, 1868, re: land, 18-12 (missing)

Thompson and Forman (3), 1855, re: railroad equipment, 18-12

Tinker, James, 1856, re: railroad equipment, 18-12

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Tolliver, W., 1856, re: railroad business, 18-12

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Trezevant, J.T., 1855, re: bonds, 18-12 (missing)

Turnage, R.K., 1856, re: deed, 18-12

Underwood, Eugene, 1852, re: upcoming election on railroad stock, 18-12

Van Dyne, J.B. (3), 1866, re: railroad business, 18-13

Vance, Wm., Jr., 1856, re: death of Maj. Winchester, 18-13

Vann, William (2), 1857, re: construction of school building; bank note; railroad business, 18-13

Vann, William, Jr., 1889, re: legal matters; levee meeting, bridge company and other news from Memphis, 18-13

Vaughn, James (14), 1843-1860, re: lands; taxes; crops; deeds, etc., 18-13

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Wade, Robert, 1857, re: bond; deed, 18-15

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Walker, Ro[bert] L., 1841, re: lease, 18-15

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Weakley, James H., 1833, re: lots in Florence, Alabama, 18-16

Weaver, D[empsey], 1855, re: bank business, 18-16

Weems, V.W.L., 1836, re: Walker debt, 18-16

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Wheatley, Seth (4), 1838-1844, re: Memphis land, 18-16

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White, Hu[gh] L[awson], 1833, re: John Overton's will, 18-16

White, Joseph, 1839, re: sale of land, 18-16

White, Stephen (6), 1833-1834, re: John Overton's lands; crops; Claybrooke's lands, 18-16

Whiteside, James A[nderson], 1855, re: railroad business, 18-16

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Whitsitt, Samuel D., 1855, re: business, 18-16

Whitthorne, W[ashington] C[urran], 1888, re: protective tariff, 18-16

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Williams, R.C. (5), 1838-1839, re: land; business, 18-18

Williams, Willoughby (11), 1836-1872, re: Memphis ferry; lands business; railroads, 18-19

Williams & Wilson (3), 1857-1858, re: ferry business, 18-20

Williamson, James M. (4), 1853-1855, re: Memphis railroad depot; Hopefield Real Estate Association, 18-20

Williamson, William A. (3), 1857, re: banking, 18-20

Wilson, W.P., 1880, re: land, 18-20

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